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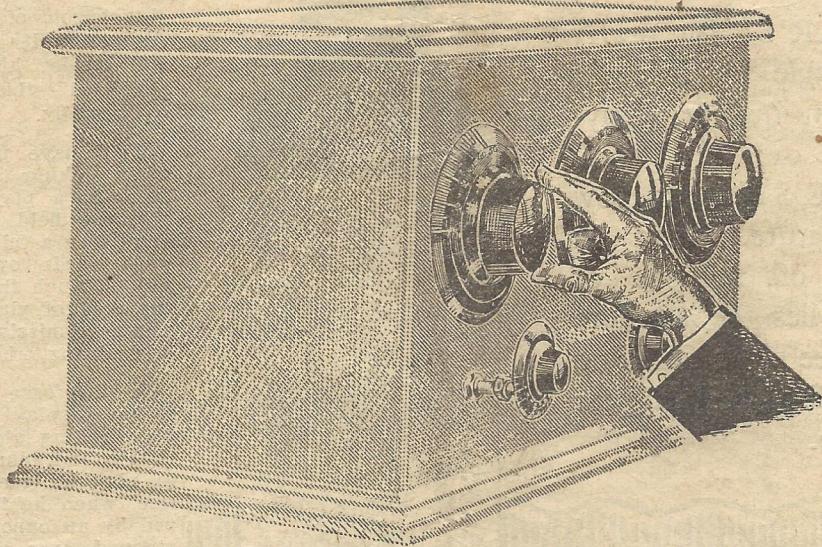
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## Football Arguments

(Q.)—if a defending player over the touch-line, and side the touch-line he deliberately trips an opponent who has run over the touch-line in his endeavour to keep the ball in play can the referee give a foul? The two players are over the line, although the ball is in play. The law of the game says a player must not leave the field of play without the referee's permission unless through

(A.)—Although an official decision to Law 13 reads as follows—"Any player leaving the field of play during the progress of a game (except through accident) without the consent of the referee will render himself liable to be penalised"—this must not be taken literally.

As I have pointed out when taking a corner throw-in a player is always outside the field of play. I have seen a full-back charge 20 yards over the touch-line and although the forward has left the field of play without the referee's permission, I don't think he had any other option.

In the case quoted, a player makes to play a ball which is in play, rolling along the touch-line. In his endeavour to keep the ball in play he goes over the touch-line, when he is deliberately tripped by an opponent who has stepped over the touch-line, the ball being in play all the time.

The referee should award a free kick against the offending player, the kick to be taken from the spot of the touch-line nearest to where the infringement occurred.

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## Eastern Suburbs.

were decidedly unlucky to have made a draw with town last Saturday on the home ground. Two penalties were missed by Featherstone Courtney, and the wretcheding of the forwards generally very disappointing. Mallock the outstanding player of the line. The half-backs their usual good game, both English and Lambie well. Caminiti made many saves, and thoroughly earned credit of the Adamstown fans.

The same team will be against Auburn, to-day and colours hope to annex the points.

second-graders easily account for Canterbury last Saturday but are up against a stiff opposition to-day. However, all Auburn defeated them on a occasion, the Tricolours they can turn the tables afternoon. The only alteration in the team to that of last will be that Flowers takes his place at inside-left, Carlisle (a new chum) will be the left-wing.

## Interstate Selections.

play of Marshall (Queens-centre-half) in the recent interstate contest was an eye-opener. He was in every move, and glorious football.

Traynor also did well, and was a expert captain. He has had access with the Queensland since he commenced football State at the beginning of

son, the other Queensland selected for Java, was a representative of the Brisbane side in the game, but through the

absence of Rigby through injury, secured a chance, and forced himself in the Queensland side, and later the Australian team by brilliant football.

Deacon is the only South Australian. He is a fine utility player, playing left-half, centre-half, and centre-forward.

Hinton is the West Australian. He is admittedly the best footballer in W.A., and is equally at home at left-back, left-half, or left-wing.

Grieves, a very fast right wing, and a capable player. He plays for Prahran, Victoria, and is expected to do well in Java.

O'Connor is well known to New South Welshmen, and was mainly responsible for our defeat by Victoria. He is a great player at right-half, centre-half, full-back, or inside-right.

Johnston, the inside-left of Victoria, and the best forward that Victoria has produced for 10 years. Played finely in N.S.W. recently.

## Send-Off to Australian Team.

The Australian team will be given a send-off at the Palais Royal on Monday night next, June 20th, when a dance is being held in conjunction with the management of the Palais Royal. Admission will be by ticket, which are obtainable at moderate cost: Gent's 2/5, Ladies 1/5.

The proceeds will be used for the purchase of school footballs, but the tickets sold at the door on the night of the function will not assist this object. It is hoped that all officials, players, and supporters will be certain to secure tickets.

## The Java Tour.

### AUSTRALIA'S TEAM.

The team to represent Australia in Java has been selected as follows:

Goal: F. Smith (N.S.W.).

Full-backs: A. Harris (N.S.W., vice-captain), T. Traynor (Qld., captain), Johnson (Qld.).

Halves: C. O'Connor (Vic.), Marshall (Qld.), Deacon (S.A.), Hinton (W.A.), F. Coolahan (N.S.W.).

Forwards: Grieves (Vic.), A. Cameron (N.S.W.), H. Coates (N.S.W.), Johnston (Vic.), H. Robertson (N.S.W.), T. Thompson (N.S.W.).

One forward to be selected.

The team will leave Sydney next Wednesday, June 20th, for Java by the s.s. "Houtman," and will arrive back in Sydney on September 5th. The managers of the team will be Messrs. E. Lukeman (Secretary, Australian Association), and W. Bellis (Hon. Sec. of the South Australian Association).

## Australia v. N.S.W.

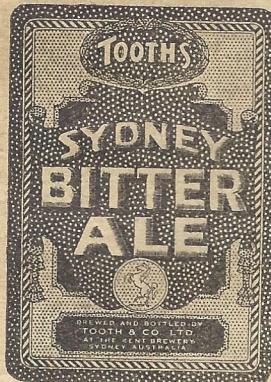
The match, Australia v. N.S.W. being played at Newcastle to-day has excited plenty of interest.

The teams will field as follow:

**Australia:** F. Smith (N.S.W.), T. Traynor (Q.), Hinton (W.A.), F. Coolahan (N.S.W.), C. O'Connor (Vic.), A. Harris (N.S.W.), Grieves (Vic.), A. Cameron (N.S.W.), H. Coates (N.S.W.), Johnston (Vic.), H. Robertson (N.S.W.).

**New South Wales:** Jordan (New Lambton), Scott (Newcastle), Driscoll (Balmain), Turnbull (Adelaide), Ireland (Corrimal), Bailey (Adamstown), Murphy (Balgownie), Suddick (Balgownie), W. Mauder (New Lambton), O'Brien (New Lambton), Doig (Pymont).

The referee will be Mr. A. Lane (Newcastle).



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## PROGRAMME

### GARDINER CUP.

PYRMONT v. SOUTH SYDNEY.—Redfern Oval.

PYRMONT.  
(Blue.)

N. Verity

1-G. Humphries	2-S. Robinson
3-E. Turner	4-T. Richards
6-A. Quill	7-J. Callaghan
10-T. Moore	9-Patulney
5-R. Meek	8-S. King
	7-E. Richards
	4-C. Hurkett
	3-A. P.
2-R. Swan	1-Silvester

T. Cocking  
SOUTH SYDNEY.  
(Red and Green.)

Referee: G. McLay.

### SECOND GRADE.

PYRMONT II. v. SOUTH SYDNEY II.—Redfern Oval.

PYRMONT II.  
(Blue.)

Stewart

1-W. Syme	2-J. Black
3-Solomon	5-E. Lyons
6-W. Humphrey	7-S. Lind
C. Watson	G. Nelson
G. Dean	E. Shaw
Hopkins	F. Burne

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SOUTH SYDNEY II.  
(Red and Green.)

Referee: H. Battin.

Linesmen: Jackson and Anderson.

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## PROGRAMME

### FIRST GRADE.

AUBURN v. EASTERN SUBS.—Granville Showground, 3.15.

EASTERN SUBURBS.  
(Red, White, and Blue.)

Caminiti

1-B. Lambie	2-English			
3-Horan	4-Bagley	5-Lockhead		
5-Kennens	7-Mallock	8-Featherstone	9-Courtney	10-McEwan
D. McKay	9-C. Daley	8-A. McKay	7-J. McDowell	6-R. Hutchinson
5-C. Malcolm	4-C. McKay	3-G. Cole		
1-A. Hilder	2-E. Bainbridge			
C. Callaghan				

AUBURN.

(Maroon.)

Referee—Eastern Suburbs: 11—Roberts.  
eree: J. Thompson.

### SECOND GRADE.

EASTERN SUBS. II. v. AUBURN II.—Granville Showgd.,

EASTERN SUBURBS.  
(Red, White, and Blue.)

Cole

1-Moran	2-Bidlake			
3-Holledge	4-Rafter	5-O'Connor		
5-Wes	7-Haynes	8-Watson	9-Flowers	10-Carlisle
Burke	9-R. Wade	8-A. Brewer	7-J. Hill	6-A. Smorti
5-H. Pilon	4-E. McKay	3-H. Dewar		
1-L. Taylor	2-H. Thoroughgood			
A. Owens				
AUBURN.				
(Maroon.)				

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## 1st GRADE.

Campsie Meth. A v. Campsie Pres. A, Croydon Park, 3.15.  
Croydon Congs. A v. Austen's, Canterbury, No. 1, 3.15.  
Lak. Congs. A v. Dul. Hill Pres., Punchbowl, 3.15.  
St. Thomas' A v. L'hardt Meth. A, Ashfield, 3.15.  
Warren Meth. A v. All Saints' A, Wardell Road., No. 2, 3.15.

## DALLEY BRANCH.

### 2nd Grade.

All Saints' C v. Bal. Bapt. A, Canterbury, No. 4, 3.15.  
L'hardt Meth. B v. St. Aidan's A, Canterbury, No. 2, 3.15.  
L'hardt Pres. v. Pet. Bapt. A, Canterbury, No. 1, 3.15.  
St. John's v. Bal. Meth. A, Wardell Road, No. 1, 3.15.  
St. Paul's A v. St. Thomas' B, Wardell Road, No. 1, 3.15.

### 3rd Grade.

St. Paul's B v. Pet. Bapt. B, Canterbury, No. 2, 3.15.  
Bal. Meth. D v. St. Aidan's B, Wardell Road, No. 3, 3.15.  
H.H. Mission v. L'hardt Meth. C, Ashfield, 1.45.  
Bal. Meth. C v. Bal. Bapt. B, Wardell Road, No. 4, 3.15.  
Lakemba Congs. C the bye.

## SOUTH SYDNEY BRANCH.

### 2nd Grade.

Nth. Croydon Bapt. A v. St. Alban's, Ult., A, C'tby., No. 1, 3.15.  
Holy Trinity v. Botany Pres. A, Botany, 3.15.  
Bal. Meth. B v. St. Silas', Rosebery, 3.15.

### 3rd Grade.

Botany Pres. B v. St. Alban's, Ult., B, Botany, 1.45.  
May St. Meth. v. Lakemba C. of E., Lakemba, 3.15.  
Alex. Congs. v. St. Barnabas, Centen. Park, No. 2, 1.45.  
Redfern Cong. v. St. Alban's, Darl. B, Rosebery, 1.45.  
St. Alban's, Darl. A v. McNeill Mem., Cent. Park, No. 1, 3.15.

## COOK BRANCH.

### 3rd Grade.

Lak. C. of E. A v. Croydon Cong. C, Canterbury, No. 4, 1.45.  
St. Andrew's S.H. B v. Dul. Hill Meth., Wardell Rd., No. 2, 1.45.  
P'bowl Meth. B v. Nth. Croydon Bapt. B, Cant., No. 3, 1.45.

Hurl. Park Meth. B v. Lak. Cong. B, Punchbowl, 1.45.

Tempe Pk. Meth. B v. Campsie Meth. C, Cook's Riv., No. 1, 1.45.

### 2nd Grade.

Tempe Pk. Meth. A v. Croydon Cong. B, Cook's Riv., No. 1, 3.15.

Warren Meth. B v. Campsie Meth. B, Wardell Rd., No. 4, 3.15.

Campsie Pres. B v. All Saints' B, Croydon Park, 1.45.

M'ville Cong. v. P'bowl Meth. A, Canterbury, No. 1, 1.45.

St. Andrew's S.H. A v. Hurl. Pk. Meth. A, Wardell Rd., No. 3, 3.15.

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### 2nd Grade.

St. John's, Pens. v. Sth. Hurstville Meth., Cook's River, No. 2, 3.15.  
Peakhurst Meth. v. Penshurst Pres. Penshurst, 3.15.

Carlton Bapt. A v. Carlton Bapt. B, Cook's River, No. 3, 3.15.

### 3rd Grade.

Banksia Free Church v. St. Paul's, Kog., Cook's River, No. 2, 1.45.

Bexley Pres. v. Rockdale Pres., Cook's River, No. 3, 1.45.

Rockdale Meth. v. Rockdale C. of Christ, Penshurst, 1.45.

JUNE 23rd, 1928.

### 2nd Grade.

Carlton Bapt. A v. St. John's, Penshurst, Cook's River, No. 2, 3.15.

Sth. Hurstville Meth. v. Penshurst Pres., Cook's River, No. 3, 3.15.

Peakhurst Meth. v. Carlton Bapt. B, Cook's River, No. 3, 1.45.

### 3rd Grade.

St. Paul's (Kog.) v. R'dale Pres., Penshurst, 1.45.

Banksia Free Church v. Rockdale C. of Christ, Penshurst, 3.15.

Rockdale Meth. v. Bexley Pres., Cook's River No. 2, 1.45.

## POINT TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	F-A
Ca'psie Pres. A	8	8	0	0	27-5
Croy. Cong. A	8	6	1	1	31-9
L'hardt Mth. A	8	5	2	1	26-14
War'n Meth. A	8	5	3	0	17-17
All Saints' A	8	4	3	1	14-11
Dul. Hill Pres.	8	3	3	2	15-12
St. Thomas' A	8	2	5	1	13-20
Ca'psie Mth. A	8	1	5	2	12-20
Austen's	8	2	6	0	12-20
Lak. Congs. A	8	0	8	0	7-31

## SOUTH SYDNEY.

	P	W	L	D	F-A	
St. Silas'	7	6	1	0	17-7	
Holy Trinity	7	5	2	0	17-13	
N. Croy. Bpt. A	7	5	2	0	24-7	
Bot'ny Pres. A	7	4	3	0	18-10	
Bal. Meth. B	7	2	4	1	10-7	
St. Barnabas'	7	2	4	1	4-37	
St. Alban's,	Ult., A	7	2	5	0	14-22

### 3rd Grade.

	P	W	L	D	F-A	
St. Alban's,	Darl., A	8	8	0	0	42-4
May St. Mth. B	8	7	1	0	35-6	
St. Alban's,	Ult., B	8	6	2	0	27-10
Redfern Cong.	8	4	4	0	15-26	
Bot'ny Pres. B	8	4	4	0	17-18	
S.An's. Lak. B	8	4	4	0	15-16	
St. Alban's,	Darl. B	8	3	5	0	11-24
Alex. Congs.	8	2	6	0	10-16	
McNeil Mem.	8	1	7	0	3-46	

## COOK BRANCH.

	P	W	L	D	F-A
Hrl. Pk. Mth. A	8	8	0	0	34-7
All Saints' B	7	6	1	0	26-14
T'pe Pk. Mth. A	7	5	1	1	21-16
P'bowl Mth. A	8	5	3	0	22-18
M'ville Congs	8	4	3	1	19-18
S.An's. S.H. A	8	3	4	1	18-13
C'psie Mth. B	8	3	4	1	15-18
Croy. Cong. B	8	2	6	0	17-22
C'psie Pres. B	8	1	7	0	9-33
War'n Mth. B	8	0	8	0	9-29

Tempe Park Meth. A and  
Saints' B match to play.

### 3rd Grade.

	P	W	L	D	F-A
S. And.'s, Lak.	8	5	0	3	21-9
C'psie Meth. C	8	5	1	2	24-12
Dul. H. Meth.	8	6	1	1	29-16
T'pe Pk. Mth. B	8	4	2	2	27-24
P'bowl Mth. B	8	4	3	1	28-11
Hul. Pk. Mth. B	8	4	2	2	25-18
Lak. Cong. C	8	1	4	3	11-23
N. Croy. Bpt. C	8	2	5	1	10-25
Croy. Cong. C	8	1	7	0	17-31
S.An's. S.H. B	8	0	7	1	6-31

**Football Arguments.**

(Q.)—Has an English Cup semi-final ever been played outside of England?

(A.)—Yes; in 1885. Queen's Park, the famous Scottish Amateur Club, played Nottingham Forest at Merchiston Park, Edinburgh.

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(Q.)—What free kicks can a goal not be scored direct from?

(A.)—1, centre back; 2, goal kick; 3, player playing ball a second time before it has been played by another player after throw-in or taking a free kick or a penalty kick; 4, offside; 5, carrying by the goalkeeper inside his penalty box; 6, charging goalkeeper at wrong time, the charge being otherwise fair; 7, playing the ball before it has touched the ground after being dropped by referee to restart play after stoppage; 8, ball not kicked forward from a penalty kick; 9, improper throw-in; 10, dangerous play.

**FIRST GRADE.**

CANTERBURY v. CARDIFF.—Canterbury Rec. Gd., 3.15.

CANTERBURY.  
(Blue and Gold.)

1—McLaren	Greagg	2—Reid
3—Arrighi	4—Forbes	5—Ruffles
6—Courtney	8—Wright	9—Cook
7—McLeod	O	10—Hotsen
10—M. Giverns	8—L. Wilson	7—T. Whitson
5—R. Coates	4—T. Wilson	6—J. Richards
2—A. Hodden	T. Simmonds	3—A. Roy
	CARDIFF.	1—O. Bush
	(Gold.)	

Referee: T. Leighton.

**SECOND GRADE.**

CANTERBURY II. v. BALMAIN II.—C'bury Sports Gd., 1.45.

CANTERBURY II.  
(Blue and Gold.)

L. Moyes	Heterick		
Stepto	Dibbs		
Mills	Brown		
Bongers			
S. Moyes	Metcalfe		
O			
22—D. McIvor	20—L. Hancock	19—J. Hay	18—J. Turner
21—T. Boyle	17—R. Burness	16—R. McDonald	15—A. Flinn
	14—J. Christie	13—L. Parker	J. McNally
			BALMAIN II.
			(Black and Gold.)

Referee: W. Clark.

Reserves—Canterbury: Watson, L. Smith, Crosby.

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## Fixtures, June 16.

### REPRESENTATIVE GAME.

Australia v. New South Wales, at Newcastle. (Referee, A. Lane.)

### FIRST GRADE.

Balgownie v. North Sydney, Balgownie.

Helensburgh v. Holmesville, at Helensburgh.

Canterbury v. Cardiff, Canterbury Sports Ground. (T. Leighton.)

Auburn v. Eastern Suburbs, Granville Show Ground. (J. Thompson.)

Thirroul v. Balmain, Thirroul.

Corrimbal, the bye.

### GARDINER CUP.

Pymont v. South Sydney, Redfern Oval. (G. McLay.)

### SECOND GRADE.

Canterbury v. Balmain, Canterbury Sports Ground, 1.45. (W. Clark.)

Auburn v. Eastern Suburbs, Granville Show Ground, 1.45. (J. Hague.)

Pymont v. South Sydney, Redfern Oval, 1.45. (H. Battin.)

Callan Park v. Aust. Woollen Mills, Callan Park, 2.30. (E. J. Martin.)

North Sydney v. Perdonians, Granville Show Ground, No. 2, (B. Hyslop.)

## Fixtures, June 23.

### GARDINER CUP.

Holmesville v. Corrimbal, Hobart Park, Newcastle.

Canterbury v. Adamstown, S.C. Ground No. 2, 3.15.

### FIRST GRADE.

Thirroul v. Pymont, Thirroul, 3.15.

W. Wallsend v. Helensburgh, W. Wallsend, 3.15.

Auburn v. Wallsend, Granville Show Ground, 3.15.

New Lambton v. South Sydney, New Lambton.

Balmain v. North Sydney, Redfern Oval, 3.15.

Balgownie v. Easts, Balgownie, 3.15.

Cardiff the bye.

### SECOND GRADE.

Canterbury v. Perdonians, S.C. Ground No. 2, 1.45.

Auburn v. Pymont, Granville Show Ground, 1.45.

Callan Park v. Easts, Callan Pk., 2.30.

Balmain v. North Sydney, Redfern, 1.45.

S. Sydney v. A. W. Mills, Granville Show Ground No. 2, 3.15.

### Football Arguments.

(Q.)—What is the highest fee paid to players in an international match.

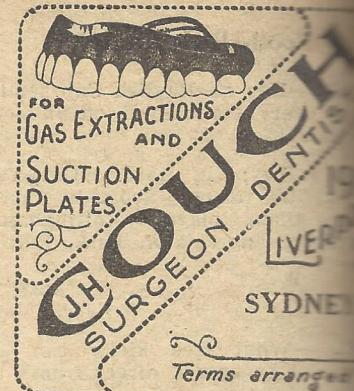
(A.)—£10. This sum was paid during season 1907-08 by the English Association, but only for one season—the International Board agreeing that all players of all countries should get the same fee.

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(Q.)—Suppose a player after some incident had upset him on the field decides to wait until after the game before having it out with the referee. He meets the referee in the train and accuses him of incompetency. What would the referee's position be? Could he report the player for being insolent?

(A.)—If the player's attitude was abusive or insolent or ungentlemanly, the referee would be justified in reporting the incident to the Association under whose ruling the game was conducted.

It would be necessary for the referee to inform the player what action he was going to take. A wise course would be for the official to inform the player that if he persisted in his conduct that



he would have no alternative to report him. This would constitute a caution.

Any misconduct towards a referee or linesman away from the field of play is an offence, and must be treated in the same way as the incident had occurred on the field.

Once the referee has reported a player or other official of a club he is not permitted to accept an apology with a view to the complaint being "washed out."

Referees should avoid, wherever possible, coming in contact with players or officials of a club when anything of a debasing character has arisen during the course of a game.

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(Q.)—A player when about to take a corner kick moves the ball by pushing it over at an angle. Is his action allowable?

(A.)—No. According to a general decision of the International Board, the corner flag must be removed when a corner is taken. Some people have the impression that by "removing the flag" is meant taking the flag out of the ground altogether. This is not so. The flag must remain perpendicular or at an angle of 90 degrees with the surface of the playing pitch, which is supposed to be level. According to the rules, a player who pushes the flag at an angle is removing the flag which is contrary to law and should not be allowed.